(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government for the stoppage of such drugs in the mareket?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Recent newspaper reports have alleged that drugs like Analgin, Terfenadine. Astemizole, Lynestenol, Phenylbutazone, Phenolphthalein, Piperazine, Furazolidone, Nitrofurazone, Droperidol and nimesulide are being marketed in the country;

However, these news report misleading. Drugs like Analgin and Furazolidone are currently used in large number of countries including many developed countries. There is no system of global banning of a drug. Certain drugs and formulation banned in some countries at time continue to be marketed in other countries. The decision to do so is normally based on risk assessment process which is influenced by a number of factors such as the disease pattern in a country, the varying reactions of certajn ethnic groups in a given population to the drug and the availability of safer substitutes as well as the cost factor involved in the treatment of a particular disease. There is also the overall awareness that administration of any drug is not absolutely free from side effects or adverse reactions in a statistically insignificant minority of the population.

**Setting up of Heavy Industries**

1935. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to State:

(a) the steps taken by Government for setting up of heavy industries in the different parts of the country particularly in the State of Assam keeping in view of increasing unemployment problem; and

(b) the details of fund earmerked for the same during the Ninth Plan and the funds proposed to be granted during the Tenth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) As far as setting up of Heavy Industries is concerned, since the non-strategic sector has been largely delicensed, the private sector is free to establish havy industry anywhere in the country including Assam.

(b) the details of the 9th and 10th Plan Outlay in regard to Projects taken up in various sectors in the state of Assam are given in the enclosed statement.

***Statement***

*Information on 9th & 10th Plan Outlay in Regard to projects Taken up in Various Sectors in the State of Assam*

1. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

| PSU | 9th Plan Outlay (Rs. Cr.; | | 10th Plant Outlay (Rs. Cr.) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Refining | Petrochem | Refining | Petrochem |
| ONGC-N.E. | 708.89 | — | 528.07 | — |
| OIL | 2961.00 | — | 5000.00 | — |
| BRPL | 317.20 | 437.70 | 100.00 | 131.00 |
| NIR | 171.90 | — | 310.00 | — |
| IOC-Assam Oil Div | 948.02 | — | 326.32 | — |
| TOTAL | 6653.01 | 437.70 | 6264.39 | 131.00 |

2. Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals

| Company | 9th Plan Outlay (Rs. Cr.) | 10th Plan outlay (Rs. Cr.) |
|---|---|---|
| Assam Gas Cracker | — | 56.37 |

**Performance of PSEs**

1936. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Public Sector Enterprises which were earning profit during the year 1995-96;

(b) the performance in the last three years;

(c) whether these enterprises continued to make profit in the year 2001 - 2002;

(d) if not, how many of these are incurring losses; and

(e) the reasons for their poor performance?